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ABSTRACT

As part of a larger study prepared to provide local leaders with information on socioeconomic characteristics and household attitudes in four Kentucky counties, this databook on Wolfe County is compiled from 1961 (open country area) and 1973 (open country and nonopen country area) surveys. The sampling procedure involved a random selection of small-area sample segments and then a random selection of households to be interviewed. Interpretive summaries are provided for the following survey components: (1) Residential Characteristics; (2) Household Characteristics; (3) Level of Living; (4) Occupational Characteristics; (5) Income Characteristics; (6) Social Participation; (7) Opinion of Change in Quality of Life in County, 1973; (8) Opinion of Change in Quality of Life in Own Family, 1973; and (9) Opinion of Quality of Life Change in the U.S., 1973. Significant survey responses indicated that in the predominantly rural Wolfe County size of house had decreased; material possessions had dramatically increased; number of children had decreased; income had increased; and only 40 percent of the male heads had perceived their income to be less than satisfactory, though total family income was comparatively much lower than that of the other three counties surveyed. (JC)

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PREFACE

The purpose of preparing this databook is to provide local leaders and officials with information obtained from sample surveys of households in Harlan, Perry, Whitley and Wolfe counties. The data were compiled from surveys in 1961 and 1973--made for somewhat different but related purposes. Both surveys included information on selected social and economic characteristics and attitudes of the households and of family members thereby permitting comparisons of households at two points in time. The 1973 survey also obtained considerable information on attitudes about changes in aspects of the quality of life in each county since 1960.

Area sampling procedures were used in both instances to identify households from which information was obtained. In the 1961 survey only residents in open country areas of each county were interviewed, while the 1973 survey included residents of non-open country as well as open country areas. The sampling procedure involved a random selection of small-area sample segments and then a random selection of households to be interviewed in each segment. The sampling rate of open country households in each county was determined by dividing the number of open country households in each county by the total number of open country households in all four counties. Proportionate sampling rates also were used in non-open country areas. Consequently, the data obtained and summarized in the tables approximate those which would have been obtained if a simple random sample of households in all four counties had been drawn. In both surveys the person(s) interviewed were the household Head and/or Homemaker.

The survey in 1961 was made as part of an Agricultural Experiment Station research project on Factors in the Adjustment of Families and Individuals to Changing Conditions in Low Income Rural Areas. The 1973 survey is part of a research project on Rural Development and the Quality of Life in the Rural South. These studies--made in cooperation with Agricultural Experiment Stations in several southern states¹--reflect an interest in rural development, which has been maintained for more than a decade, by members of the Department of Sociology. Support of these research studies by the Agricultural Experiment Station, College of Agriculture, University of Kentucky, is gratefully acknowledged.

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INTERPRETIVE SUMMARY

Residential characteristics. Since Wolfe County is entirely rural and has only one small town--Campton--the non-open country sample, which is drawn on a proportionate basis for the four counties (Harlan, Perry, Whitley and Wolfe), is too small to permit meaningful statistical interpretations. Consequently, when Wolfe County is compared with all four counties only the characteristics of open country households in 1973 will be compared, and no comparison will be made of open country and non-open country areas in the county. Since the 1961 sample did not include any families in Campton, time comparisons will be made only for the country portions of the county.

Residential characteristics of the total (open country and non-open country) Wolfe County sample in 1973 indicate that the great majority of families own their own home, live in a single family house, and are on a hard-surfaced road. About 1 family in 4 had moved during the past 5 years, and 1 out of 6 would like to move.

By contrast to families in country areas of the four counties surveyed, substantially more in Wolfe County are farming and more live on a hard-surfaced road, but somewhat fewer families owned their homes and more were mobile.

During the past 12 years the proportion of country families in Wolfe County living on a hard-surfaced road has more than doubled, satisfaction with present residence increased somewhat, and the proportion of families living on farms decreased. Home ownership did not change much. Trends in Wolfe County in these respects are similar to those in all the counties surveyed.

Household characteristics. The typical 1973 household in Wolfe County had 2 to 3 persons (59 percent) with a male head (81 percent). The median household head was 53 years old and had 8 years of schooling. Most were married (82 percent) and had children living at home (63 percent).

Compared to households in country areas of all counties, Wolfe County households were a little more likely to have children at home, but in other respects they were much alike.

During the past 12 years the size of the household has decreased and the education of head of households has increased somewhat as did the proportion of families with both the mother and father in the household. In the four counties as a whole, families in the country have decreased in size and education has increased, but the type of family with head and spouse present has not increased as much as in Wolfe County, and the percentage with children aged 18 and over living at home has decreased more.

Occupational characteristics. In 1973 about half the household heads in Wolfe County were reported as "fully able to work" and employed full-time or part-time; 13 percent were unemployed and looking for work. About one-fourth of the workers were farm operators: one-fourth were operatives, and one-third laborers. One out of 5 homemakers was employed (full or part-time) or looking for work, and most were "operatives."

Among the small number of male heads were questioned on satisfaction with their jobs, over 7 out of 10 liked all aspects of their jobs except for the chances of getting ahead and the amount of money earned. The majority were dissatisfied with the money earned.

Compared with the occupational characteristics of heads and homemakers in the total open country sample, those in Wolfe County differed primarily in the larger proportion who were farmers, and the smaller proportion of craftsmen, and the larger proportion of homemakers who were operatives. In their opinions, male heads of Wolfe County open country families more often disliked the steadiness of work and the amount of money earned than did those in the four counties as a whole; otherwise the differences in job satisfaction were relatively small.

Compared with 1961, relatively more heads of open country families in 1973 were retired and fewer were "fully able to work"; relatively fewer were employed full or part-time; fewer were farm operators (more in 1973 were operatives or laborers), and proportionately more homemakers were employed. Except for increased dissatisfaction with the steadiness of work and the amount of money earned, opinions about various aspects of their work were little different in mid-1973 from 1961. In most of these respects the same trends are evident in the other counties, although to a lesser degree.

Level of living. The typical family in Wolfe County in 1973 lived in a 4 or 5 room house (72 percent) which had modern plumbing, bathroom, and kitchen facilities. The main deficiency was in the lack of central heating, although many homes were also without such facilities as piped hot water, inside toilet or shower, or telephone. Compared with country homes of all counties combined, those in Wolfe County more often had fewer rooms, but were as well equipped.

Since 1961, house-size has decreased (not as much as family size), but material possessions have increased dramatically. For example, country homes with piped water have increased from 19 to 76 percent; those with hot water and inside toilet from 6 to 59 percent; and those with central heating from 3 to 30 percent. The increase in household facilities has paralleled a decrease in the number of children and an increase in incomes. This is evident in all four counties, but most so in Wolfe County.

Income. Total family income was low; only 28 percent of Wolfe County families reported incomes of \$4,000 or more for 1972, which was a much lower proportion than in the other three counties. Combined farming, wages and salaries and Social Security pensions were the most common sources of income. Wages or pensions were the major sources of income for 8 out of 10 families, while farming was the major source for only one in 10. Surprisingly, only 40 percent of the male heads thought that their family income was unsatisfactory or insufficient.

Although incomes of country families in Wolfe County were low by comparison to those of the combined four counties, Wolfe countians were only a little more often dissatisfied with their income. While only 10 percent of Wolfe countians got their main income from farming, this was many more than in the other counties.

Although family income was low in 1972, it was on the average about triple that of 1961. Salaries and wages and retirement income were more important

and farming less important as sources of income. Dissatisfaction with income has increased in the past 12 years but relatively fewer in 1973 felt income to be insufficient. In this respect Wolfe County open-country residents differed from the total open country sample, whose opinions had changed little from 1961 to 1973; the changes in incomes and sources of income, however, generally characterized open country families.

Social participation. In 1973 about 4 out of 9 Wolfe County families did not participate in any formally organized group, such as a church, lodge, or civic club, although 13 percent were quite active (high or very high participation). Country families in Wolfe County were somewhat less active in this respect than those of all the counties surveyed.

The most popular leisure time pursuits were in-door games and out-door activities such as hunting and fishing. Except for a somewhat more frequent involvement in out-door activities, use of leisure time was much the same in Wolfe County as in all four counties combined.

Opinion change concerning quality of life. In its material aspects the quality of life has improved as already noted, and over 7 out of 10 people surveyed in 1973 felt that "in general and on the average" the quality of life for most people in Wolfe County had improved during the past decade. Country people in Wolfe County said this a little more often than those in all four counties.

The same high proportion felt improvement had occurred with respect to 8 of 22 different aspects of the quality of life, notably public schools, higher educational opportunities, welfare programs, the situation for poor people, roads, public utilities, and incomes. Moreover, over 50 percent believed that the quality of life had improved with respect to 5 additional aspects, including medical care and services, agriculture, job opportunities, and buying power of income. Of these 13 aspects of the quality of life which most people thought had improved in the past decade, the current situation for 11 was regarded as "pretty good" or "very good" by 50 percent or more of those interviewed.

On the other hand, most people felt that no improvement had taken place with respect to opportunities for young people and the elderly, the physical environment, recreational opportunities, religion, obedience to laws, law enforcement, politics, or county government. Moreover, over one-half regarded the current situation as only "fair" or "poor" for 7 of these 9 aspects.

Compared with open country residents of the combined four counties, the opinions of those in Wolfe County were substantially more favorable with respect to improvement in agriculture, job opportunities, and the buying power of income; and Wolfe countians more often said that no change had occurred with respect to religion and opportunities for young people and the elderly.

Opinion of change in quality of life in own family. When interviewed in mid-1973, one-third rated their family situation 5 years ago as "fair", or "very poor", but only 1 out of 5 rate it that way at the present time. By contrast, 41 percent felt that their family situation was "good" or "very good" 5 years ago but only 35 percent think so now. Thus, relatively more

now think of their situation as being "pretty good" or average. Thinking about the past decade, more than one-half felt that they were "somewhat" to "much better off" today, but 1 out of 10 thought their family was "somewhat worse off."

In these opinions of changes in their own family situations, country people in Wolfe County were much like those of the four counties combined, except that proportionately fewer considered their present situation to be "good" or "very good."

Opinion of quality of life change in the U.S. Although quite divided in their opinions as to the direction of change during the past decade in the United States, somewhat more think it has improved than think it has worsened, or that it is "some better and some worse." Compared to country people of all four counties, Wolfe County people were more likely to say that quality of life in the U.S. had improved, and were less likely to say that it was "some better, some worse."

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Table 1. Residential Characteristics

Item	Wolfe County				4-County Total**			
	1961	1973		Total	1961	1973		Total
	O.C.*	O.C.*	N.C.*		O.C.*	O.C.*	N.C.*	
-percent-								
Type of House			++					
Mobile home	--	10	--	10	--	8	4	7
House (single family)	--	90	--	90	--	92	92	92
Apartment	--	0	--	0	--	0	4	1
		(63) +		(69)		(320)	(144)	(464)
Type of Road								
Hard surface	40	92	--	93	40	79	96	84
Other	60	8	--	7	60	21	4	16
	(67)	(63)		(69)	(266)	(320)	(144)	(464)
Farm Classification								
Farm	54	41	--	39	20	11	2	8
Nonfarm	46	59	--	61	80	89	98	92
	(67)	(63)		(69)	(266)	(319)	(144)	(463)
Home Tenure								
Own home	66	63	--	64	69	73	69	72
Pay cash rent	19	24	--	24	25	18	26	20
Other	15	13	--	12	6	9	5	8
	(67)	(63)		(69)	(265)	(320)	(144)	(464)
Residential Satisfaction of Male Heads								
Would not like to move	71	82	--	83	77	85	75	82
Would like to move	25	18	--	17	21	14	23	17
Undecided	4	0	--	0	2	1	2	1
	(55)	(33)		(35)	(212)	(158)	(61)	(219)
Residence Change in Past Five Years								
No change	--	76	--	77	--	82	82	82
One change	--	19	--	19	--	12	13	12
Two changes	--	5	--	4	--	4	4	4
Three or more changes	--	0	--	0	--	2	1	2
		(62)		(68)		(316)	(143)	(459)

*O.C. - Open country household

N.C. - Non-open country household

**4-County Total - all households surveyed in Harlan, Perry, Whitley, and Wolfe counties

+Number in parenthesis is the total respondents for the item.

++ The non-open country sample for Wolfe County consisted of only 6 households and was considered too small to be representative. Therefore, percents are not included here.

Table 2. Household Characteristics

Item	Wolfe County				4-County Total**			
	1961	1973			1961	1973		
	O.C.*	O.C.*	N.C.*	Total	O.C.*	O.C.*	N.C.*	Total
				-percent-				-percent-
Size of Household								
One	6	3	--	3	8	8	14	10
Two	24	30	--	33	25	34	33	34
Three	16	27	--	26	17	19	20	19
Four	16	10	--	10	14	16	15	16
Five	12	14	--	13	11	11	12	11
Six	6	6	--	6	8	5	3	5
Seven	5	8	--	7	6	5	1	3
Eight	3	2	--	2	5	1	1	1
Nine or more	12	0	--	0	6	1	1	1
	(67)	(63)		(69)	(266)	(320)	(144)	(464)
Race								
White	100	100	--	100	100	99	98	99
Black	0	0	--	0	0	1	2	1
	(67)	(63)		(69)	(266)	(320)	(144)	(464)
Sex of Head								
Male	82	83	--	81	84	83	74	80
Female	18	17	--	19	16	17	26	20
	(67)	(63)		(69)	(266)	(320)	(144)	(464)
Age of Head								
Less than 20 years	0	0	--	0	0	0	0	0
20-29	15	16	--	14	8	13	10	12
30-39	13	13	--	13	18	13	11	13
40-44	13	13	--	13	12	7	13	9
45-49	8	6	--	6	7	9	6	8
50-54	9	8	--	7	12	13	15	13
55-64	13	9	--	12	18	14	21	16
65-74	14	19	--	19	16	21	18	20
75 or more	15	16	--	16	9	10	6	9
	(67)	(63)		(69)	(266)	(320)	(144)	(464)
Education of Head								
No school	7	3	--	3	3	3	1	2
1-3 years	15	14	--	13	14	11	4	9
4	16	11	--	10	11	8	4	7
5-7	21	21	--	20	25	19	8	15
8	27	22	--	26	27	31	19	27
9-11	7	8	--	7	9	11	16	13
H.S. Diploma	3	14	--	13	7	10	21	14
1-3 years college	2	5	--	6	1	4	15	7
College graduate or more	2	2	--	2	3	3	12	6
	(67)	(63)		(69)	(264)	(318)	(144)	(462)

Table 2. (Continued)

	1961	1973			1961	1973		
	O.C.*	O.C.*	N.C.*	Total	O.C.*	O.C.*	N.C.*	Total
Marital Status of Head								
Married	77	82	--	82	80	79	72	76
Never Married	2	2	--	1	1	2	3	2
Divorced	5	3	--	3	2	3	4	4
Separated	0	2	--	1	0	1	0	1
Widowed	13	11	--	13	17	15	21	17
	(67)	(63)		(69)	(266)	(320)	(144)	(464)
Type of Family								
Head and spouse	60	76	--	74	67	73	66	71
Head only	15	9	--	10	14	15	25	18
Head and spouse plus other single adult(s)	16	5	--	6	11	5	5	5
Other types	9	10	--	10	8	7	4	6
	(67)	(63)		(69)	(266)	(320)	(144)	(464)
Stage in Family Cycle								
Head less than 35 years(no children)	3	6	--	6	2	5	6	5
Children under 4 yrs.	9	6	--	7	4	6	3	5
Children 4-9	13	11	--	12	10	10	8	10
Children 10-17	18	24	--	22	21	21	21	21
Children 18+	25	24	--	22	32	20	24	21
Head (and/or spouse) only, aged 35-59 (neither less than 35)	6	2	--	1	10	12	17	14
Head (and/or spouse) only, both 60+	26	27	--	30	21	26	21	24
	(67)	(63)		(69)	(266)	(320)	(144)	(464)

Table 3. Occupational Characteristics

Item	Wolfe County				4-County Total**			
	1961	1973			1961	1973		
	O.C.*	O.C.*	N.C.*	Total	O.C.*	O.C.*	N.C.*	Total
-percent-				-percent-				
Ability of Head to Work								
Fully able	66	51	--	51	63	52	64	56
Limited	9	9	--	9	11	11	5	9
Disabled	[25] ¹	2	--	1	[20] ¹	3	2	3
Retired (disabled)		22	--	23		18	11	16
Retired	0	16	--	16	6	16	18	16
	(67)	(63)		(69)	(266)	(320)	(144)	(464)
Employment Status of Male Heads								
Employed full time	[67] ²	50	--	46	[65] ²	50	65	54
Employed part time		4	--	4		6	3	5
Unemployed--looking for work	2	8	--	13	5	5	6	5
Unemployed--not looking for work	31	38	--	37	30	39	26	36
	(55)	(52)		(56)	(219)	(264)	(107)	(371)
Occupation of Male Heads								
Farm Operator or manager	42	29	--	26	16	7	1	5
Farm laborer, foreman	24	0	--	0	9	1	0	1
Manager, proprietor, professional, technical	3	4	--	3	9	6	29	14
Sales, clerical	0	0	--	0	3	4	9	6
Craftsman, foreman	2	7	--	6	9	20	27	22
Domestic, service	5	7	--	7	5	5	9	6
Operative	16	25	--	26	40	29	17	25
Laborer	8	28	--	32	9	28	8	21
	(38)	(28)		(31)	(153)	(153)	(78)	(231)
Employment Status of Homemaker								
Not employed outside home	--	74	--	76	--	80	61	74
Employed full time	--	18	--	16	--	13	26	17
Employed part time	--	3	--	3	--	3	3	3
Unemployed--looking for work	--	2	--	2	--	2	4	2
Unemployed--not looking for work	--	3	--	3	--	2	6	4
		(62)		(68)		(307)	(140)	(447)

¹In 1961 the categories "disabled" and "retired (disabled)" were combined.

²In 1961 the categories "employed full time" and "employed part time" were combined.

Table 3. (Continued)

	1961		1973		1961		1973	
	O.C.*	O.C.*	N.C.*	Total	O.C.*	O.C.*	N.C.*	Total
Occupation of Homemaker								
Not employed	100	79	--	81	94	84	70	80
Manager, proprietor, professional, technical	0	0	--	0	2	3	13	6
Sales, clerical	0	6	--	6	1	3	6	4
Domestic, service	0	2	--	1	2	4	8	5
Operative	0	13	--	12	1	6	3	5
	(64)	(62)		(68)	(254)	(307)	(140)	(447)
Occupational Satisfaction of Male Heads								
No. hours must work:								
Dislikes	12	21	--	20	10	18	19	18
Likes	85	79	--	80	88	82	81	82
Don't know	3	0	--	0	2	0	0	0
	(33)	(14)		(15)	(124)	(73)	(37)	(110)
Steadiness of Work :								
Dislikes	12	29	--	27	20	12	5	10
Likes	88	71	--	73	80	88	95	90
Don't know	0	0	--	0	0	0	0	0
	(33)	(14)		(15)	(124)	(73)	(37)	(110)
Doing same job :								
Dislikes	15	11	--	10	9	13	12	13
Likes	85	89	--	90	91	85	88	86
Don't know	0	0	--	0	0	2	0	1
	(33)	(9)		(10)	(122)	(63)	(33)	(96)
Way boss treats him :								
Dislikes	0	0	--	0	1	3	7	4
Likes	100	100	--	100	99	94	93	94
Don't know	0	0	--	0	0	3	0	2
	(19)	(9)		(10)	(102)	(60)	(30)	(90)
Working Conditions :								
Dislikes	6	0	--	8	16	9	3	7
Likes	94	92	--	84	84	90	94	91
Don't know	0	8	--	8	0	1	3	2
	(33)	(12)		(13)	(124)	(69)	(37)	(106)
Amount of responsibility :								
Dislikes	9	0	--	0	10	8	6	6
Likes	91	92	--	92	88	84	94	88
Don't know	0	8	--	8	2	8	0	6
	(33)	(12)		(13)	(123)	(70)	(36)	(106)
Importance of job to others :								
Dislikes	0	0	--	0	2	6	0	4
Likes	91	93	--	93	88	85	100	90
Don't know	9	7	--	7	10	9	0	6
	(33)	(14)		(15)	(123)	(68)	(37)	(105)

Table 3 (Continued)

	1961		1973		1961		1973	
	O.C.*	O.C.*	N.C.*	Total	O.C.*	O.C.*	N.C.*	Total
Chances of getting ahead:								
Dislikes	24	43	--	40	29	49	32	44
Likes	64	57	--	60	64	49	68	55
Don't know	12	0	--	0	7	2	0	1
	(33)	(14)		(15)	(124)	(67)	(34)	(101)
Retirement and other benefits:								
Dislikes	50	33	--	28	34	46	16	35
Likes	40	33	--	29	61	43	72	53
Don't know	10	34	--	43	5	11	12	12
	(20)	(6)		(7)	(110)	(44)	(25)	(69)
Amount of money earned:								
Dislikes	24	64	--	60	27	48	24	40
Likes	76	29	--	33	73	51	76	59
Don't know	0	7	--	7	0	1	0	1
	(33)	(14)		(15)	(124)	(69)	(37)	(106)
Kind of work done:								
Dislikes	3	0	--	0	5	6	3	5
Likes	97	100	--	100	95	93	97	94
Don't know	0	0	--	0	0	1	0	1
	(33)	(14)		(15)	(124)	(73)	(37)	(110)
People worked with:								
Dislikes	0	10	--	9	1	3	6	4
Likes	100	90	--	91	99	97	94	96
Don't know	0	0	--	0	0	0	0	0
	(28)	(10)		(11)	(118)	(62)	(36)	(98)

Table 4. Level of Living

Item	Wolfe County				4-County Total**			
	1961	1973			1961	1973		
	O.C.*	O.C.*	N.C.*	Total	O.C.*	O.C.*	N.C.*	Total
		-percent-				-percent-		
Number of rooms in house								
One-two	5	0	--	0	3	1	0	1
Three	5	7	--	6	5	3	4	3
Four	22	29	--	34	29	28	17	25
Five	34	42	--	38	26	33	24	31
Six	22	16	--	16	21	24	31	26
Seven	8	3	--	3	9	7	9	7
Eight	3	0	--	0	4	2	9	4
Nine+	1	3	--	3	3	2	6	3
	(67)	(62)		(68)	(266)	(312)	(144)	(456)
Material Possessions								
(percent possessing each item ¹)								
Automobile	40	67	--	68	47	64	78	68
Truck	25	35	--	33	22	30	13	25
Gas or Elect. range	63	98	--	99	64	94	99	96
Piped water	19	76	--	77	41	74	99	82
Hot water heater	6	59	--	61	23	60	96	71
Mechanical								
refrigerator	87	100	--	100	91	99	100	100
Home freezer	10	44	--	44	17	42	31	39
Elect. sewing machine	15	49	--	48	12	45	58	49
Inside flush toilet	6	59	--	61	15	61	99	73
Bath or shower	9	59	--	61	21	60	98	72
Air conditioner	0	10	--	10	2	12	36	20
Kitchen sink	51	87	--	87	58	87	99	91
Vacuum cleaner	27	64	--	64	27	60	87	69
Telephone	25	68	--	65	26	65	85	72
Central heating	3	30	--	30	13	33	75	46
Radio	81	97	--	96	85	95	97	96
Television	45	98	--	99	58	93	99	95
Weekly newspaper	18	25	--	29	11	20	38	25
Farm or trade								
magazine	16	22	--	23	14	24	29	25
Magazine for women	12	21	--	22	7	19	47	28
Other week or month								
magazine	3	21	--	22	3	30	65	41
	(67)	(63)		(69)	(266)	(320)	(144)	(464)

¹Percentages based on same n for each item.

Table 5. Income Characteristics

Item	Wolfe County				4-County Total**			
	1961	1973			1961	1973		
	O.C.*	O.C.*	N.C.*	Total	O.C.*	O.C.*	N.C.*	Total
	-percent-				-percent-			
Total Family Income								
None	1	0	--	0	4	0	0	0
\$1 - 999	51	3	--	3	31	4	1	3
1000 - 1999	19	15	--	15	22	16	6	13
2000 - 3999	21	53	--	54	25	31	20	28
4000+	8	29	--	28	18	49	73	56
	(67)	(61)		(67)	(264)	(312)	(138)	(450)
Sources of Income ¹								
Salary, wages, business	15	48	--	46	44	49	67	55
Farm income	60	44	--	41	22	11	1	8
Investments	3	10	--	10	2	11	17	13
Retirement, pensions								
(social security)	28	46	--	48	29	50	44	48
Welfare	25	19	--	22	17 ²	23	5	17
Unemployment								
compensation	9	0	--	0	8	1	3	2
Miscellaneous	9	8	--	7	7	4	8	5
	(67)	(63)		(69)	(263)	(320)	(144)	(464)
Major Source of Income								
Salary, wages, business	25	38	--	38	48	45	68	52
Farm profits	36	11	--	10	10	3	1	2
Investments	0	2	--	1	1	1	1	1
Retirement, pensions								
(social security)	21	41	--	42	25	44	27	39
Welfare	15	8	--	9	12	7	1	5
Unemployment								
compensation	3	0	--	0	3	0	1	1
Miscellaneous	0	0	--	0	1	0	1	0
	(39)	(63)		(69)	(227)	(315)	(141)	(456)
Income Satisfaction of male heads								
Very satisfactory	7	0	--	0	7	6	10	7
Satisfactory	71	61	--	60	60	60	67	62
Unsatisfactory	22	39	--	40	33	34	23	31
	(54)	(33)		(35)	(211)	(158)	(61)	(219)
Income Sufficiency (Opinions of Male Heads Only)								
Judged insufficient	65	39	--	40	47	43	20	36
	(51)	(33)		(35)	(202)	(158)	(61)	(219)

¹ Percents listed indicate those receiving some income from each source.

² Total n upon which 1961 percents are based in the welfare category is 241. County n is 63.

Table 6. Social Participation

Item	Wolfe County				4-County Total**			
	1961	1973			1961	1973		
	O.C.*	O.C.*	N.C.*	Total	O.C.*	O.C.*	N.C.*	Total
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Table 6. (Continued)

	1961				1973			
	O.C.*	O.C.*	N.C.*	Total	O.C.*	O.C.*	N.C.*	Total
Neighborhood and Community Activities:								
Never	--	65	--	64	--	60	33	52
Sometimes	--	27	--	27	--	25	38	29
Often	--	8	--	8	--	15	29	19
		(63)		(69)		(320)	(144)	(464)
Informal Social Activities:								
Never	--	81	--	80	--	76	69	74
Sometimes	--	11	--	11	--	16	17	17
Often	--	8	--	9	--	8	14	9
		(63)		(69)		(320)	(144)	(464)
Formal Activities:								
Never	--	87	--	87	--	90	64	82
Sometimes	--	7	--	6	--	4	19	8
Often	--	6	--	7	--	6	17	10
		(63)		(69)		(320)	(144)	(464)

¹No data was collected on this item or any of the remaining items in 1961.

Table 7. Opinion of Change in Quality of Life in County, 1973

Item	Wolfe County		4-County Total**		
	1973		1973		
	O.C.*	Total	O.C.*	N.C.*	Total
	-percent-		-percent-		
General Quality of Life					
Quality of Life for Most People :					
Improved	70	72	63	77	68
Gotten worse	17	16	20	9	17
Remained same	13	12	17	14	15
	(46)	(51)	(274)	(125)	(399)
County Government					
Change in:					
Improved	13	17	27	42	32
Gotten worse	27	27	21	11	18
Remained same	60	56	52	47	50
	(37)	(41)	(211)	(108)	(319)
Current situation:					
Very good	0	0	7	6	6
Pretty good	15	19	28	36	31
Fair	44	42	41	40	41
Poor	41	39	24	18	22
	(39)	(43)	(214)	(110)	(324)
Politics and political parties					
Change in:					
Improved	8	8	16	16	16
Gotten worse	26	24	25	19	23
Remained same	66	68	59	65	61
	(35)	(38)	(208)	(99)	(307)
Current situation:					
Very good	0	0	5	1	4
Pretty good	19	20	22	28	24
Fair	42	44	45	43	44
Poor	39	36	28	28	28
	(36)	(39)	(206)	(100)	(306)
Public Schools					
Change in:					
Improved	71	71	77	78	77
Gotten worse	2	2	12	12	12
Remained same	27	27	11	10	11
	(44)	(49)	(259)	(121)	(380)
Current situation:					
Very good	33	30	29	31	30
Pretty good	51	56	48	48	48
Fair	16	14	16	13	15
Poor	0	0	7	8	7
	(45)	(50)	(258)	(120)	(378)

Table 7. (Continued)

	O.C.*	Total	O.C.*	N.C.*	Total
Higher Educational Opportunities					
Change in:					
Improved	77	77	79	87	82
Gotten worse	3	2	5	2	4
Remained same	20	21	16	11	14
	(39)	(43)	(244)	(122)	(366)
Current situation :					
Very good	0	0	23	35	27
Pretty good	61	65	52	47	50
Fair	36	33	17	13	16
Poor	3	2	8	5	7
	(39)	(43)	(243)	(121)	(364)
Agriculture					
Change in:					
Improved	66	67	40	37	39
Gotten worse	9	8	33	39	35
Remained same	25	25	27	24	26
	(44)	(48)	(231)	(91)	(322)
Current situation:					
Very good	2	2	5	7	5
Pretty good	51	53	36	34	36
Fair	42	41	33	33	33
Poor	5	4	26	26	26
	(45)	(49)	(230)	(93)	(323)
Medical care and Health service					
Change in:					
Improved	50	53	62	65	63
Gotten worse	17	15	19	17	18
Remained same	33	32	19	18	19
	(42)	(47)	(264)	(126)	(390)
Current situation :					
Very good	12	15	25	30	27
Pretty good	39	39	34	31	33
Fair	26	25	23	21	22
Poor	23	21	18	18	18
	(43)	(48)	(268)	(125)	(393)
Welfare Programs					
Change in:					
Improved	76	70	62	65	63
Gotten worse	3	2	17	15	16
Remained same	21	28	21	20	21
	(38)	(43)	(226)	(103)	(329)
Current situation :					
Very good	8	7	11	20	14
Pretty good	49	50	46	45	45
Fair	36	36	28	23	27
Poor	7	7	15	12	14
	(39)	(44)	(226)	(103)	(329)

Table 7. (Continued)

	O.C.*	Total	O.C.*	N.C.*	Total
Situation for Poor People					
Change in:					
Improved	83	83	74	77	75
Gotten worse	3	2	8	3	6
Remained same	14	15	18	20	19
	(42)	(47)	(256)	(122)	(378)
Current situation :					
Very good	2	2	9	11	10
Pretty good	50	51	45	46	45
Fair	48	47	35	32	34
Poor	0	0	11	11	11
	(42)	(47)	(253)	(123)	(376)
Law Enforcement					
Change in:					
Improved	22	22	20	43	27
Gotten worse	22	23	38	24	34
Remained same	56	55	42	33	39
	(45)	(49)	(259)	(120)	(379)
Current situation :					
Very good	0	0	2	9	4
Pretty good	20	20	27	33	29
Fair	31	31	31	37	33
Poor	49	49	40	21	34
	(45)	(49)	(258)	(121)	(379)
Obedience to Laws :					
Change in:					
Improved	23	25	20	27	22
Gotten worse	26	25	38	31	36
Remained same	51	50	42	42	42
	(43)	(48)	(258)	(124)	(382)
Current situation :					
Very good	2	2	4	5	4
Pretty good	33	35	33	36	34
Fair	42	40	37	41	38
Poor	23	23	26	18	24
	(43)	(48)	(257)	(124)	(381)
Transportation (Roads)					
Change in:					
Improved	85	86	71	75	73
Gotten worse	6	6	18	16	17
Remained same	9	8	11	9	10
	(47)	(52)	(274)	(124)	(398)
Current situation :					
Very good	9	10	6	11	8
Pretty good	68	67	49	43	47
Fair	15	15	26	22	25
Poor	8	8	19	24	20
	(47)	(52)	(274)	(124)	(398)

Table 7. (Continued)

	O.C.*	Total	O.C.*	N.C.*	Total
Income					
Change in:					
Improved	86	83	79	81	79
Gotten worse	0	0	3	5	4
Remained same	14	17	18	14	17
	(42)	(47)	(251)	(119)	(370)
Current situation :					
Very good	5	4	8	17	11
Pretty good	46	46	50	52	51
Fair	42	44	34	22	30
Poor	7	6	8	9	8
	(43)	(48)	(252)	(119)	(371)
Job Opportunities					
Change in:					
Improved	66	65	47	45	47
Gotten worse	2	2	26	22	24
Remained same	32	33	27	33	29
	(44)	(49)	(260)	(122)	(382)
Current situation :					
Very good	0	0	3	4	3
Pretty good	22	22	26	24	26
Fair	20	22	26	31	27
Poor	58	56	45	41	44
	(45)	(50)	(261)	(121)	(382)
Buying Power of Income					
Change in:					
Improved	60	60	26	23	26
Gotten worse	2	4	42	50	44
Remained same	38	36	35	27	30
	(45)	(48)	(259)	(118)	(377)
Current situation :					
Very good	0	0	1	0	1
Pretty good	33	33	24	25	24
Fair	58	59	43	43	43
Poor	9	8	32	32	32
	(45)	(48)	(259)	(116)	(375)
Religion					
Change in:					
Improved	21	23	36	61	44
Gotten worse	5	5	16	7	14
Remained same	74	72	48	32	42
	(39)	(43)	(248)	(122)	(370)
Current situation :					
Very good	15	21	22	40	28
Pretty good	74	70	48	44	47
Fair	8	7	22	12	18
Poor	3	2	8	4	7
	(39)	(43)	(246)	(122)	(368)

Table 7. (Continued)

	O.C.*	Total	O.C.*	N.C.*	Total
Recreational Opportunities					
Change in:					
Improved	26	26	45	52	48
Gotten worse	6	5	7	11	8
Remained same	68	69	48	37	44
	(35)	(38)	(236)	(120)	(356)
Current situation :					
Very good	0	0	6	13	8
Pretty good	12	13	30	21	27
Fair	37	34	29	33	30
Poor	51	53	35	33	35
	(36)	(38)	(236)	(120)	(356)
Public Utilities					
Change in:					
Improved	95	94	79	79	79
Gotten worse	0	0	4	4	4
Remained same	5	6	17	17	17
	(44)	(49)	(263)	(125)	(388)
Current situation :					
Very good	2	2	14	23	17
Pretty good	73	71	57	57	57
Fair	23	25	22	14	19
Poor	2	2	7	6	7
	(44)	(49)	(264)	(126)	(390)
Physical Environment					
Change in:					
Improved	24	26	19	25	21
Gotten worse	20	17	31	34	32
Remained same	56	57	50	41	47
	(41)	(46)	(254)	(122)	(376)
Current situation :					
Very good	5	4	15	16	15
Pretty good	54	54	37	36	37
Fair	34	35	29	25	28
Poor	7	7	19	23	20
	(41)	(46)	(254)	(122)	(376)
Public Housing					
Change in:					
Improved	86	85	71	82	75
Gotten worse	0	0	8	9	8
Remained same	14	15	21	9	17
	(36)	(41)	(244)	(124)	(368)
Current situation :					
Very good	6	5	8	18	11
Pretty good	50	54	49	49	49
Fair	39	36	29	19	26
Poor	5	5	14	14	14
	(36)	(41)	(243)	(123)	(366)

Table 7. (Continued)

	O.C.*	Total	O.C.*	N.C.*	Total
Opportunities for the Young People					
Change in:					
Improved	28	31	42	33	39
Gotten worse	5	4	20	21	20
Remained same	67	65	38	46	41
	(40)	(45)	(255)	(121)	(376)
Current situation :					
Very good	0	2	3	6	4
Pretty good	8	9	26	15	22
Fair	17	20	23	35	27
Poor	75	69	48	44	47
	(40)	(45)	(256)	(121)	(377)
Opportunities for Old People					
Change in:					
Improved	25	24	46	45	46
Gotten worse	2	2	12	12	12
Remained same	73	74	42	43	42
	(41)	(46)	(263)	(122)	(385)
Current situation :					
Very good	5	6	7	10	8
Pretty good	12	13	33	31	32
Fair	34	35	29	31	30
Poor	49	46	31	28	30
	(41)	(46)	(263)	(121)	(384)
Opportunities for the Blacks					
Change in:	No Information				
Improved			64	74	68
Gotten worse			5	3	4
Remained same			31	23	28
			(133)	(93)	(226)
Current situation :					
Very good	No Information		13	19	16
Pretty good			49	46	47
Fair			23	25	24
Poor			15	10	13
			(132)	(94)	(226)
County As Place to Live					
Change in:					
Improved	58	61	58	76	63
Gotten worse	4	4	9	4	8
Remained same	38	35	33	20	29
	(47)	(52)	(274)	(127)	(401)
Current situation :					
Very good	7	10	23	33	26
Pretty good	53	50	47	43	46
Fair	38	38	24	22	23
Poor	2	2	6	2	5
	(47)	(52)	(274)	(127)	(401)

Table 8. Opinion of Change in Quality of Life in own Family, 1973

Item	Wolfe County		4-County Total**		
	1973		1973		
	O.C.*	Total	O.C.*	N.C.*	Total
	-percent-		-percent-		
Rating of Family Situation					
Five years ago :					
Very poor	9	9	9	10	10
Fair	27	25	21	14	18
Pretty good	26	25	28	26	27
Good	30	29	27	26	27
Very good	8	12	15	24	18
	(59)	(65)	(305)	(139)	(444)
At present :					
Very poor	2	1	5	2	4
Fair	22	20	11	3	8
Pretty good	46	44	39	29	36
Good	20	21	25	36	29
Very good	10	14	20	30	23
	(60)	(66)	(310)	(141)	(451)
Changes in Family Situation					
Over Past 10 Years :					
Much better off	13	16	16	26	19
Somewhat better off	46	41	41	41	41
About the same	33	33	30	27	29
Somewhat worse off	9	10	8	6	8
Much worse off	0	0	5	0	3
	(46)	(51)	(273)	(127)	(400)

Table 9. Opinions of Change in Quality of Life in the United States, 1973

Item	Wolfe County		4-County Total**		
	1973		1973		
	O.C.*	Total	O.C.*	N.C.*	Total
	-percent-		-percent		
Life in the United States					
Getting better	38	37	27	34	29
Getting worse	28	27	28	20	26
Staying about same	22	23	22	21	21
Some better, some worse	12	13	23	25	24
	(58)	(64)	(304)	(136)	(440)

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